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Claims 3 and 4 are pending. Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled and claims 3 and 4 have been added. No new matter has been added by way of the present amendment. For instance, newly added claim 3 is supported by the present specification at pages 12-13, page 16 and page 30, as well as Example 1. Newly added claim 4 is supported by the present specification at page 16, lines 20-21. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.


Favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Craig A. McRobbie (Reg. No. 42,874) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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